

The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Annual Banquet & Meeting

Yes, it's time again for our Annual Banquet/Meeting, and you're invited! Come on out and see old friends. Let's renew those bonds of friendship that seal our loyalty. Remember, the Annual Meeting is your chance to exercise your organizational right to vote! That's right, the elections are held for the OSA Board of Directors at the back of the hall. Your vote counts!

The March 6th festivities will kick off at 6pm and go until 11pm. Dinner will be served between 7pm and 8:30pm.

Something to note about this year's meeting: we will be holding the meeting in a different hall. This year's affair will be held at Chantilly Banquets (5412 S. LaGrange Rd.) in lovely Countryside, IL.

Also, this year's event will be a cash bar. The good news is, ticket prices have come down as a result. Tickets purchased before Feb. 23rd will cost \$27. After Feb. 23rd, \$32. Get your tickets early and save!

Check your mail boxes for your ticket order form, or use the one on page 8 of this very newsletter. Fill out the form and send your check (made payable to the OSA) to:

Diane Posen, 9238 Auburn Ct., Orland Park, IL 60462. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at: 708-403-0753.

***We would like to have a raffle again this year! If you have suggestions or resources for donations, please call Diane.*

The OSA Gets Thrown to the Wolves

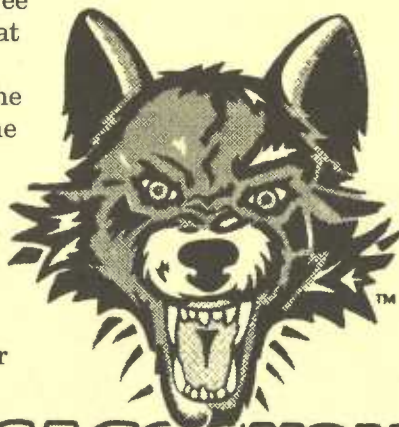
The OSA is sponsoring a group night at the Rosemont Horizon where the Chicago Wolves will take on the Milwaukee Admirals. Face off is at 6pm on Sunday, March 21st, 1999.

The cost is \$11 per person for seats that normally cost \$13. Kids under three are admitted free if they do not need a seat of their own.

Please make checks payable to the OSA. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis. We have reserved 50 seats. Additional seats must be reserved ahead of time if needed. Tickets can be ordered and paid for at the Annual Meeting, but please call in your order in advance. Contact Mike Campbell with any questions or to order tickets early at: 773-283-7723.

You can order tickets by sending a check for \$11 per ticket to:

**Mike Campbell
3258 N. Oak Park Ave.
Chicago, IL 60634**



CHICAGO WOLVES
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Owasippe Forever

by: Joe Sener

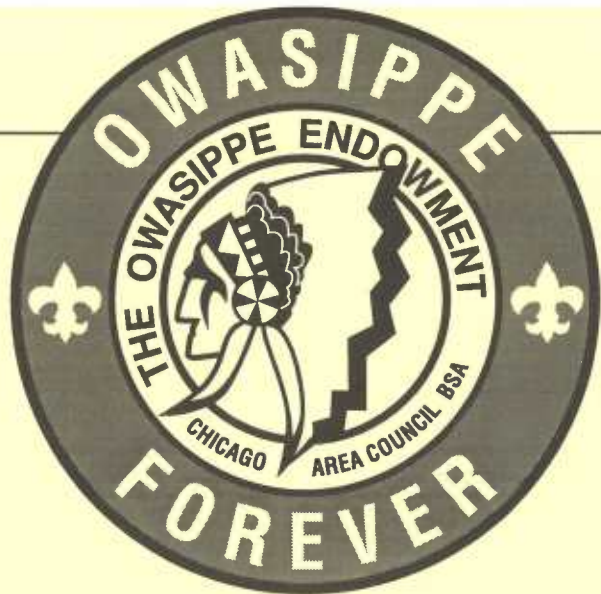
The "Endow Owasippe" program was begun in 1997 with the goal of creating a permanent endowment to benefit Owasippe. Each year Owasippe runs a deficit of approximately \$400,000. The fees that we charge for campers along with all other forms of revenue leave us with that annual loss. Our current Owasippe Trust Fund consists of funds in the existing council trust currently designated for Owasippe. These funds total \$872,903 as of June 30, 1997. The funds have come from the following sources:

- Proceeds of 1981 land sale
- The J. Stephen Fossett Fund
- The Sheridan Nunn Endowment
- Proceeds of the 1994 land sale
- The Milton Gray Staff Village Fund

Of this total, only \$137,204 is donor designated. The balance of \$735,699 is Board Designated. If we receive a 10% return on our money (which is more than we are receiving on average) we would realize an interest income of \$87,000. We are currently receiving an interest income of approximately \$50,000.

The purpose of the Owasippe Endowment is to raise \$3 — \$5 million in donor designated funds for the Owasippe Scout Reservation Trust Fund. These donor designated gifts would remain in trust and the interest income off of their investment would be used to offset the current drain on the operational expenses of the Council. We will be able to balance the operational loss with interest that can be raised from the restricted capital in the endowment.

Our plan is to target three audiences of participation, major industry support, units attending camp, and individual contributions. In each audience there are different contribution levels anticipated. The industry audience consists of three main industries: Real Estate, Legal, and Media. Our target is to raise \$1 million from each of these. To help us do this we have team members from each industry including Jim Nothnagel for Real Estate and Chris Bury for Media (both staff people from the 60's and 70's. Jim is a partner with a real estate accounting and consulting



practice in the Chicago Area, Chris is a network correspondent for ABC's Night Line. We are in the planning phase of 2-3 receptions sponsored by Cary McMillan, Chicago Office Managing Partner for Arthur Andersen. We will invite a select group from each of our targets and have Cary (an Eagle Scout originally from Indianapolis) host the receptions and make the pitch for their money. Cary has graciously accepted our invitation to help. He is also a major leader in the Chicago United Way campaign and will help Arthur Andersen raise well over \$500,000 for that worthy cause this year.

The plan for the units attending camp is to request \$1,000 from each unit that attended Owasippe. This will include units who can afford the donation and those who will need help in fund raising activities like pancake days etc. The Endowment is looking for people who can help with the Unit drive. Leading that effort is Ken Wroblewski, Chief Financial Officer for Simpson Technologies in Aurora and a scouter from the south side.

We have a target list pulled together and are in the planning phase of the balance of the fund raising. Any help can certainly be put to use.

***If you have any questions you can contact me at:
Joseph.P.Sener@arthurandersen.com
or at: (312)507-4799.***

*Re-dedicate yourself to Owasippe.
Get involved, YOU can make a difference!*

OSA TO KICKOFF MAJOR PROJECT CAMPAIGN

Beginning early this spring, the OSA will begin a campaign to develop and fund several major projects at Owasippe Scout Reservation.

Several major projects and improvements, much needed at Owasippe, have been identified, and the Owasippe Staff Association has committed to raising the funds, acquiring the necessary materials, and coordinating the labor to make these projects a reality. We will have full responsibility for bringing these projects full circle to completion; from start to finish.

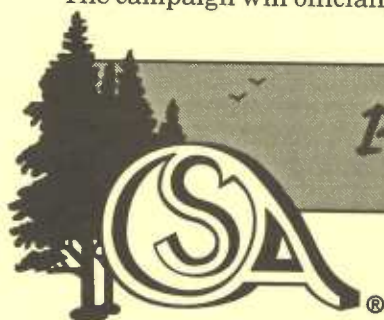
It has been some time since our organization has undertaken a task of this magnitude, and all of our resources will be called upon to achieve our goal.

The campaign will officially kick off at the Annual

Meeting, March 6, 1999. Details will be unveiled at that time, so be there to get the inside track. Should you find yourself unable to attend, it does not mean you can't help.

If you have a special skill, contacts with materials suppliers, or just a burning desire to make a difference, we need you. Owasippe needs you. At the very least, you can dust off your checkbook. We are all busy, but together we can make it happen.

Our campaign will incorporate the repair/replacement of a great portion of the roofs at Owasippe, and this will be our initial focus. Another major part of the campaign is our goal to raise \$40,000 (yes, \$40,000). So get ready to dig deep.



Progress is pulling together!



A Roof Over Your Head

As most of you have probably heard by now, severe storms last spring and October damaged many roofs at Owasippe. Staff row cabins, especially along the Lake at Camp Blackhawk, were greatly affected, though few escaped some damage.

Many of these roofs were in need of replacement even prior to the damage suffered in the severe weather. The OSA was planning to begin replacing those at Camp Reneker last spring, but plans were changed when other priorities presented themselves. In hindsight, perhaps it was fortunate, as the storms would surely have damaged the newly completed roofs.

Beginning with both Spring Fixits, May 21-23 and June 11-13, we will start the major task of replacing and repairing many of these roofs. The current plan calls for re-roofing all Reneker cabins, as well as nearly all Staff Row cabins. Repairs will also be made to other roofs to hold them over until they can be replaced, hopefully within the next 12-18 months.

We are calling all hands; this is a major undertaking and we'll need all the help we can get. Everyone will be able to contribute, as we will set up crews with an experienced leader at each work site. So, even if you don't know anything about roofing, you'll get a crash course (no charge).

We are also in need of materials and tools. First

of all, everyone can help by bringing their own hand tools such as a hammer, pry-bar, pitchfork or flat blade shovel, circular saw, etc. There's been a sizable donation of shingles, but we are still in need of many related materials, including, but not limited to:

- Roofing nails
- 30# roofing paper
- 36" X 90# roll roofing
- Roof cement
- Aluminum flashing
- Aluminum or galvanized drip edge
- Boards to replace rotted fascia
- Aluminum coil stock to wrap replaced fascia
- Lumber to replace other rotted or damaged structural members
- Loaner dump trucks or rolloff dumpsters to dispose of stripped roofing

The Chairman for this ambitious project is Mr. Michael Sanchez, and we want to thank him in advance for what we know is a huge undertaking and for the excellent job he will do. To volunteer early, or if you have questions, ideas, or connections for obtaining some of these tools and materials, please call him at 847-356-3759.

Better Late Than Never

by: Bob Ward

For the record, it isn't Bob's fault that this article is being published so late.

The real title is: News from Summer Camp

It was a very good year, OSA members, along with Explorer Post 9900, filled almost all of the staff positions. OSA members, 33 of them, had jobs ranging from Camp Directors, Assistant Director, area directors to ad center personnel, where 4 out of 6 jobs were performed by Life members John Adamowski, John Brown, Pete Klaeser and Carol Young. The warehouse crew headed by Nancy Romcoe (Life member) and Mary Kempa always managed to find what was needed. If you were looking for Ron, Mary's husband, he could always be found under a truck at Maintenance. Other volunteers at Maintenance, led by sage Tony Krier, Ron Wilson (thought you'd be back in July?) and Joe "chainsaw" Klefeker, Joe should be complimented on the job he did with the storm damaged trees...it was remarkable!. And to his wife Marie, who was under the weather, we send along best wishes and hope to see her at camp soon.

Other volunteers who put in time; The Klienfeldts, Brothers Dan, Bill and Tim and Mom and Dad (Pat and Wally) who were on the National Camp Inspection Team. Nick Wolff, Ron Derby & friends, change over help was greatly appreciated. Members with their troops; George Johnson, "Red" Maluta, Gordie Steiffel, Bob McMillin, Bob Landmichael, Jack Coussens, Chuck Kmiec, Reinhard & Randy, the Camp O'Connor brothers (Larry & Mike) not only came up with their troop but spent staff week with us making a hot and humid seven days a little more bearable. Special thanks to Larry for coming up on weekends to proctor Blackhawk staff row.

• Thanks to Ron Kulak and his CIT trainers. A job well done. We had four of his trainees at Blackhawk's ranges. If they return they will make excellent staff persons. One of them, Victor Ortiz, was voted CIT of the year.

• Thanks - To Milton Gray. Your staff village has never looked better.

• Thanks - To Mike Drazba and his Rangers Jimmie and Gary, who did little things that made the summer more pleasant.

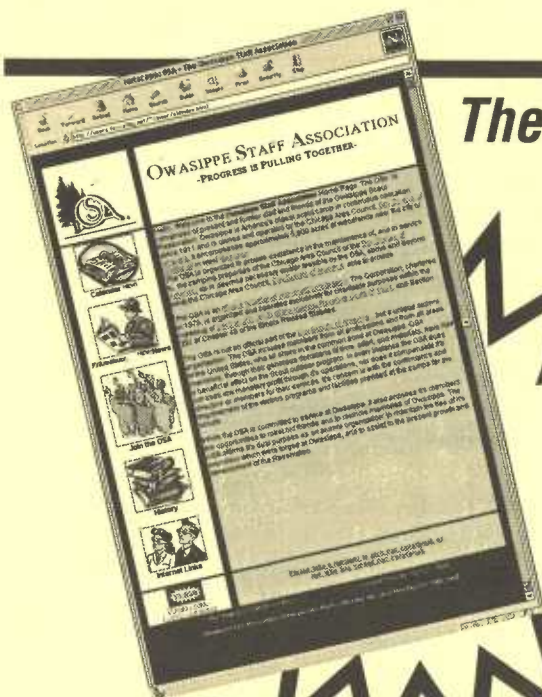
• Thanks - To Tom Ewan for the throwers. Anybody who worked them thanks you also.

• To John Sanchez and Swoop, this quote by Satchel Paige. "Age is mind over matter...If you don't mind....It don't matter"

• As I conclude this meandering...To Bill Schaeffer I give my thanks for letting us old timers have our day in the sun. Wish you well Bill!.

• To Pat Monahan, who will succeed Bill as Reservation Director, the big 3 at Blackhawk are behind you!.

• Good luck to Matt Lotter as he begins his tour with the US Coast Guard. Hope you come back an Admiral and get Nathan to join the OSA.



The OSA Online

The OSA has an official home page on the Internet at:
<http://users.foxvalley.net/~vincer>

This homepage features information and news about the OSA and a calendar of events. It also carries news about Owasippe, The Chicago Area Council as well as links of interest to OSA members. If you have access to the Internet, either at home through AOL, CompuServe, or Prodigy, or at work, please check it out.

The homepage has been visited over 2,400 times since last July. The Guestbook now has over 130 entries. Check it out and see who has checked in with the OSA.

The Chicago Area Council also has a homepage:
<http://www.chicago.scouting.org>

Deer Hunting at Owasippe

by: Scott Weber

For all you hunters out there, the most wonderful season of the year is not the holiday season. The most wonderful time of the year is when you are in the woods in search of venison on the hoof. Whether you use bow, shotgun, rifle, pistol or black powder, the anticipation of getting out in the field on opening day is a pure adrenaline buzz.

Owasippe has historically allowed hunting on property, and in the late 60's and early 70's permission was given to those that knew the rangers, or knew someone in Chicago. As the years progressed, the word of hunting at Owasippe had spread, so a minimal charge was instituted and hunter density per square mile was somehow established. In the late 80's and early 90's, Owasippe was giving out permits to approximately 150 people. The problem of hunting without permits and poaching got progressively worse. In 1995 the decision was made to close hunting for one year to gain control of the property, especially the inner core of camps and buildings.

In 1996, hunting was re-opened with limited permits going to the Owasippe conservation club. In it's first year, membership was limited to 50 people who had to put in 40 hours of labor at Owasippe before the start of the 1996 season, or for those that couldn't put in the time, a fee was established. Also established

were specific codes of conduct and rules of the hunt, specifically that any bucks must have at least 6 antler points, and that any second buck taken by the same hunter must have at least 8 antler points. The purpose of this restriction is to allow the young bucks the opportunity to reach 2 to 3 years of age, and to increase their numbers in the herd overall.

In 1998, the Chicago Area Council established openings for 10 people associated with the Boy Scouts and the Owasippe Staff Association to participate in the hunting opportunity. The same time and money options apply. Gray Staff Village cabins are available for lodging, and if you live out of Michigan, you'll have to purchase a non-resident license, which this year cost \$120 for either bow or firearm season.

As of this date, info. on the number of deer taken during the 1999 season is still being compiled. Specific breakouts that will show how many bucks were taken along with antler size, and how many doe/antlerless deer were taken will be listed in the next issue.

If you are interested in hunting Owasippe in the fall of 1999, you must contact Phillip "Chauncey" Niziol by February 15th to get your name on the list of eligible participants. If more than 15 people indicate they wish to hunt, there will be a drawing to fill the slots. for complete details, call Chauncey at 708-562-4874.

Children's Christmas Party '98

Thanks to all who came to town,
Rychtaneks, Paynes and the Browns.
A good time was had by all,
Chlebek, Wards and the Paulls.

The children ate snacks, played a game and sang,
And made Christmas ornaments to hang.
All brought wonderful treats to eat,
The muffins, cookies, and fruit couldn't be beat.

Santa came to much delight,
The children's expressions were a sight.
Santa passed out the children's gifts,
Then listened attentively to their wish lists.
After some songs and photos by Frank
Santa was on his way in his sleigh.
All the little girls and boys
Played with their brand new party toys.

The party was fun,
I hope all agree,
The Ward family above,
That's times three.

Mark your calendar for 99's
December 12th is the target time.



**OWASIPPE STAFF ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1999 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION**

YOUR OSA BOARD The affairs of the OSA are managed by the nine members of the Board of Directors whom you elect. Their terms are staggered so that three must be elected each year. Each Board member serves a three-year term unless a vacancy must be filled for a shorter term. A Director must be a currently registered Staff or Associate member age 21 or older as of the day of election (March 6, 1999), have a genuine interest in the success of the organization and be available for monthly Board of Director meetings.

Current Board of Directors

Term Expires

Michael Payne	Diane Posen (Secretary)	Pat Troy (Treasurer)	1999
Kevin Oster	Art Paull (President)	Bob Ward	2000
Michael Campbell	Ron Derby (vice-president)	Scott Weber	2001

WHO MAY VOTE Each Staff and Associate Member currently registered (99) is entitled to one vote at the annual meeting for the purpose of election of the board of directors. Voting may only be done in person at the 21st Annual Meeting on Saturday March 6, 1999 at Chantilly Banquets, 5412 S. LaGrange Road, Countryside, IL. from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

Please note that each member who is entitled to vote at the annual meeting may authorize another person to do so by a written and signed proxy.

BE SURE THAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY REGISTERED ('99) SO THAT YOUR VOTE COUNTS. The current year of your membership will be on the mailing label addressing this mailing. Any questions regarding the status of your membership can be presented to the Membership Committee Chairman Ron Kulak at (708) 429-5596.

WINNERS Those candidates receiving the largest number of valid votes will be inducted into the Board of Directors during the 1999 Annual Meeting. For 1999, the top three vote getters will be considered duly elected. The positions will be three-year terms.

OPERATING OFFICERS The first official duty of the newly constituted Board of Directors will be to select operating officers for the next twelve months, namely: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

PROXY FORM

Owasippe Staff Association

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The undersigned hereby appoints _____
proxy of the undersigned, with full power of substitution, to cast all votes that the undersigned would be entitled to cast if personally present at the 1999 Annual Meeting of the Owasippe Staff Association.

If you do not know anyone that will be attending the Annual Meeting fill in Ron Derby, vice-president. **Be assured that your proxy will be voted exactly as you specify and will be held in the strictest confidence.**

Vote for three (3)

_____ Diane Posen

_____ Pat Troy

_____ Ken Graczyk

_____ Jim Rich

_____ Vince Rychtanek

Please make sure you sign your proxy form. If you are returning your proxy form by mail, it must be received at the PO Box by 12:00 PM on Saturday March 6, 1999 to be counted in the election.

Owasippe Staff Association
Attn.: Election Proxy
PO Box 7097
Westchester, IL 60154

Signature _____

1999 Board of Director Candidate Resumes
(presented in order of nomination)

DIANE POSEN, age 30, is single and lives in Orland Park. Diane graduated from Illinois State University in 1993 with a BS in Criminal Justice. She is a Court Liaison for Aunt Martha's Youth Services in Abuse and Neglect Court. A former Cadet Girl Scout, Diane worked at Owasisippe for four summers at Camp Reneker. She started in 1984 as an Apprentice. In 1985 and 1986 she worked in the Trading Post and Crafts and in 1987 she worked in the Trading Post and with the teen group. A member of the OSA since 1989, Diane has served on the Board of Directors for the past six years where she has served as vice-president and is currently the Secretary. Diane would like to see the OSA develop more social events for current members while bringing in younger staff and new members in general. She would also like to work towards bringing the members together to formulate a plan to develop prospective resources to aid our work in the maintenance and enhancement of Owasisippe as a premiere camp.

PAT TROY, age 35, is married to Donna and lives in Lemont. Pat received his BS in Computer Science from Purdue University in 1987 and his MS in Computer Science from Penn State University in 1990 and is currently a lecturer at UIC in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department. Pat is an Eagle Scout with 2 palms and an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow. Pat worked at Camp Robert Crown in 1983 and 1984 as Assistant Aquatic Director, 1986 and 1987 at Camp Carlen as the Aquatic Director, 1988 as Sail Base Director, Blackhawk Aquatic Director in 1989, Senior Commissioner in 1990 and Camp Director in 1991, 1992, and 1993. Pat's hobbies include scuba diving and camping. Pat joined the OSA in 1984 and has been a member of the Board of Directors for the past 3 years and has served as Treasure for the past two. He also works with the Staff Development (CIT) program at Owasisippe. He would like to see the OSA to concentrate on keeping the membership informed of the OSA events and member news via the newsletter and to have the OSA aggressively recruit at Owasisippe.

KEN GRACZYK, age 40 is married and lives in Chicago. Ken and his wife Mary have 3 children; Melissa 16, Kenny 10 and Audrey 8. Ken is a painter for the Chicago Park District. An Eagle Scout from Troop 494 at St. John of God, Ken received his Eagle award when he was 15 years old. He is also a Brotherhood member of the OA and is currently a Cubmaster with Pack 3485 and also serves on the District Roundtable staff. Ken worked at Owasisippe in 1974 on the Wolverine North Aquatic staff and in 1979 as the Nature Director at Wolverine South. In between stints at Owasisippe, Ken worked as an Assistant Ranger at Yorkville (Hoover) Scout Camp. A long time member of the OSA, Ken and his family enjoy camping and are a familiar sight at Fix-it weekends. Ken would like to see the OSA acting as the catalyst in getting all the volunteers working as a team together with the Council and Owasisippe management. He believes that maintenance is a priority and Owasisippe needs to project a positive image in order for people to take a greater interest in its upkeep.

JIM RICH, age 63 is married to Suzanne and lives in Chicago. A high school graduate of the class of 1954, Jim is a firefighter with the Chicago Fire Department. A Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, Jim is an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 465 and has received the District Award of Merit. Jim has worked at Owasisippe for 4 summers at Camp Wolverine. He was Senior Commissioner in 1996 and Assistant Camp Director in 1993, 1994 and 1997. In 1998 and again in 1999 Jim will be the Assistant Camp Director at Camp Carlen. A "Staff" member of the OSA, Ron is also involved with the Chicago firefighter's Union #2 and is a member of the Medinah Temple. Jim would like to see the OSA raise money to help out at Owasisippe and get more members involved with the work weekends and annual meeting.

VINCE RYCHTANEK, age 35, his wife Beth and daughters Rachel (8), Amanda (5), Caitlin (4) and Allison (2) reside in Elgin. Vince is a graduate of the University of Illinois (1987) and is a firefighter/paramedic with the Elgin Fire Department. A former Scout, he was also an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 936 and a brotherhood member of the O/A. Vince worked at Owasisippe for ten summers beginning at Camp Blackhawk from 1978 to 1980. This was followed by seven summers in the High Adventure Programs; Survival and Logging Outposts in 1981 and 1982, and Pack & Paddle from 1983 - 1987. Vince also worked numerous pre and post camp crews and served as an Assistant Ranger in 1981. His hobbies include hunting and home improvements. A member of the OSA since 1987, Vince has chaired the Nominations and Election Committees since 1988 and has served two terms on the Board of Directors and is a past President. He would like to see the OSA more forward thinking in it's decisions to help Owasisippe and wants to work aggressively to ensure that the Chicago Area Council increases it's maintenance funding for the camps.

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Diane Posen
9238 Auburn Court
Orland Park, IL 60462

Questions?? Call Diane (708) 403-0753

Name: _____
Address/Phone: _____
Number attending: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Auburn, NY ~ Holiday Greetings

by: Jim Richerson

Dear Brothers and Sisters in The OSA, Let's get re-connected! The following is a bit of our doings since moving back to the good old USA from Malta. We have grown to love the many parks, trails and lakes that surround us. This is a hiker's paradise. We are right in the middle of what was once the Iroquois Nation being formed by a confederation of the Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Onieda and Mohawk tribes. Why they settled here and fought so hard for this land is obvious from its beauty and abundance. Having spent six years in some of the dryer parts of the Mediterranean, our appreciation for the lakes, rivers and lush green Landscapes is heightened! We, of course, are in the heartland of the Cayugans. Sadly, little of their culture remains. They are the only tribe in the area not to have a reservation.

War veterans forced the Iroquois out after the Revolutionary War when Washington took their land for resettlement and payment to soldiers. Many Europeans came to this area to farm but soon discovered how to harness the waterpower as the Industrial Revolution got rolling. Auburn was where International Harvester came into being. It was an industrial boomtown until just after WW II. The history is engaging and a reflection of many Upstate small cities.

We have had several adventures into surrounding areas including the Thousands Islands, the Adirondacks, Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo and the Big Apple. To our great surprise Zachary loved New York City the most and now often tells us how he'd like to live there. It must have been the subway rides and the ferry trip to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island that really captured him.

Austin, now nine and in fourth grade, and Zak, now five and in kindergarten, like their respective schools and teachers. Living just outside of Auburn places us in a rural school district. For the young age of the boys, we find ourselves, in our forties, to be older than most of the other parents.

After 18-19 months at the helm of the Cuyahoga Museum things are beginning to take some form of my own fashioning. I work for/with a board of twenty. They are fairly representative of the shakers and movers in this area representation.

One of my first challenges with the board was to get them better organized and to foster a greater sense of ownership of the museum. Many of them had never served on a board before. At this point I find those with little or no board experience easier to work with and tend to be more motivated. We have rewritten the By-laws and greatly reduced the number of committees from eleven, when I arrived, to five.

The challenges remain great and varied. We have launched a million-dollar capital campaign to address infrastructure and marketing problems. There are sev-

eral buildings that make up the museum. The oldest is an 1836 Greek Revival mansion. I am aiming in '99 to complete a new office/ library space within the mansion. Down the road are plans to improve collection storage, exhibition spaces and renovate a theater space that is in the mansion's carriage house. Each space has a rich historic fabric to it, yet each presents distinct challenge. If I have done anything since my arrival, it has been to give the institution a sense of planning. In the not too distant future there is also the strong possibility of rejoining an art center located next door. The Center sadly split from the museum in the 1980s and this has created some redundancy in missions and confusion for the public.

Judy has happily moved outside the realm of the household to find some adventure herself. She has been the administrator for a local Preservation group that runs a property designed and built in the 1890s by the Tiffany Decorating and Glass Co. We have been able to partner our two organizations in ways that have helped the community come together. But in January Judy moves on to put together theater ed. programs for a local theater company.

Our home sits on the edge of a small wood. It makes for great bird watching right at the dinner table. Although the place was recently constructed in 1985, we heat most of the year with a wood stove. This has further enhanced our rustic sense of this land where we now make our home.

Our very best wishes to you all during this time when the spirit so traditionally turns to reflection and gratitude for the wonder that is found in living and sharing. All the best in '99 and stay in touch.

Sincerely,
Jim Richerson (OSA Life Member)

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(315) 258-8040
e-mail: richlee@relex.com



Galloping Grapevine



The following OSA members and ex-staffers have checked in with the OSA on the homepage or by mail;

Laurie Jacobs Tomaino ~ New Jersey got married in '93 to a policeman from New Jersey. Her parents still live in California and she moved to New Jersey from California once she met Chris. They have a son: Kevin-3. "All is good on the east coast. I hope all is good in the mid west. Take care, Jake."

Dan Vliet ~ Whitefish Bay, WI recently became a life member in the OSA. Dan was a C.I.T. in 1970, worked Pack & Paddle in '71, '72 & '74. Dan was a Commissioner at Camp Blackhawk in '75 and directed Camp Stewart in '78. He now works as a lawyer in Milwaukee. Dan is married to Susan Borges Vliet, and they have two children: Sully-9 and Conner-5.

Kevin W. Murphy ~ Chicago, IL worked Eco-Con at Camp Wolverine from '89-'94. He now works for Vanstar as a Service Engineer. Kevin is married to Angela and they have two children: Lathen-2 and Gwendolyn-7mos.

Raymond R. Thomas ~ Payson, AZ recently came back into the Owasppe fold by joining the OSA. Ray worked as a Ranger at Camp Wilderness Safari in 1949. Ray also worked at Camp Dan Beard in '50 and Camp West in '51 & '52. He is a retired Investment Advisor. Ray is married to Rosemary and they have five daughters: Lynn-43, Nancy-38, Laura-37, Sharon-36, Pamela-34 and Susan-32.

Jim Chandler ~ Roanoke, TX has recently (September 1st) been appointed to the position of director, Personnel Administration Division, Personnel Group for BSA National. Jim will be directing professional recruiting, professional selection and placement. Way to go Jim! We're all proud & wish you the best.

Ed, Donna & John Black ~ Vero Beach, FL have recently built a new home in the suburbs west of Vero Beach, Florida. The development resides on a former citrus orchard. Ed says this will be their permanent nesting place, & welcomes their OSA friends to come by for a dip in the pool if they're ever in the neighborhood. Ed & Donna Black, 5055 3rd. Manor, Vero Beach, FL 32968.

John A. "Jack" Metcalfe ~ Houston, TX has also come back into the Owasppe fold by joining the OSA. Jack was a Quartermaster at Camp West in 1951. In '52 he was an Asst. Ranger at Camp Blackhawk, and Head Ranger in '55. Jack is now retired. He is married to Patricia and they have one son: John-21.

Bill Perkis ~ Ironwood, MI has checked in to say hello. Bill was the Nature Director at Wolverine North in 1973 & 1975. He now works as a Soil Scientist for the U.S.D.A. - Natural

Resource Conservation Service. Hmmm, great beginnings at good old OSR? Bill is married to Betty and they have two children: Alex-9 and Liz-7.

William Zielinski ~ Bolingbrook, IL worked at the Diamond O Ranch from 1984 thru 1987. He now works at Rudy's Schwinn as the Head Mechanic. William married a Reneker Staffwoman, Margaret O'connell. They have three children: Mary-6, John-2 and Elizabeth-4mos.

Nick Wolff ~ Urbana, IL has recently joined our ranks. Nick worked as a Commissioner at Camp Blackhawk from 1995 thru 1997. He is currently interning as a Civil Engineer. Hey ladies, Nick is single.

Rob Kennedy ~ Las Vegas, Nevada is another new OSA member. Rob worked as an Asst. Ranger in '97 and at Camp Carlen as the Asst. Shooting Sports Dir. in '98. Hey ladies, Rob is single too.

Kevin E. Posen ~ Medinah, IL has joined the OSA as an associate member. Kevin camped at Owasppe with Troop 911 from 1972-1979. He is married to Bernadette and they have three children: Melissa-10, Andrew-5 and Matthew-1.

Norville R. Carter ~ Calumet City, IL has made a down-payment on a life membership. Norville worked as a Commissary Assistant at Camp Blackhawk in '54, as a Storekeeper at Camp Dan Beard in '55 and as a Steward at Camp Blackhawk in '56. He now works as an Electronic Tech. for the U.S. Postal Service. Norville is married to Alice and they have three children: Karyn-27, Michael-17 and Brian-11.

Chauncey Niziol ~ Westchester, IL has been recognized for all of his hard work, by the Chicago Area Council. Chauncey was awarded the Silver Beaver on Saturday January 30th, 1999. Way to go Chauncey, you deserve it, and we're all very proud!

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